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MAKUA MILITARY RESERVATION LITIGATION RULING STATEMENT

Today the court rendered a decision denying the Army's motion to conduct live fire training at Makua.

"Our Soldiers need and deserve the best and most realistic training possible to survive and win on today's battlefield, and Makua Military Reservation plays a significant role in its capacity to provide that training," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division.

"Today's ruling makes the task of training of our Soldiers to fight and survive on the battlefield more difficult. However, we will do everything in our power to continue to train our Soldiers as thoroughly and realistically as possible, in preparation for the upcoming deployment.

"Our top priority remains Soldier and unit readiness, and to that end, we will train our Soldiers the best we possibly can, given the resources at hand, including blank fire exercises at Makua Military Reservation.

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“This temporary set back will not dissuade the Army from pursuing returning to train in Makua. We will continue to complete the Environmental Impact Statement and all other necessary actions to begin training in Makua. Throughout this process and after training resumes the Army will protect the environment and culturally sensitive sites located in the valley,” Mixon said.

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